



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. P003 C5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MS: UTILITY APPLICATION
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John F. Shanley)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: Unassigned)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: Herewith)	Confirmation: Unassigned
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For: EXPANDABLE MEDICAL DEVICE WITH)	
S-SHAPED BRIDGING ELEMENTS)	
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR ACCELERATED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner of Patents of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for the above-identified application to be granted special status and for accelerated examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.102 and MPEP Section 708.02 II because there is an infringing device or product on the market.

A fee in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) accompanies this Petition.

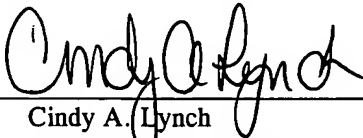
A statement by applicant's attorney, Cindy A. Lynch alleging the following also accompanies this Petition.

- (A) That there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use;
- (B) That a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and
- (C) That she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

An information disclosure statement and form 1449 and references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims is also being submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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